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SUBJ :POLICIES GOVERNING UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS TO
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

REF: STATE 192720, 8/2/76

1. THERE IS QUOTED BELOW THE SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM FOR
SECRETARIES OF DEPARTMENTS AND HEADS OF AGENCIES DATED
APRIL 18, 1977 AND THE ACCOMPANYING AMENDED STATEMENT OF
POLICIES.

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2. POSTS SHOULD NOTE ESPECIALLY THE SECRETARY'S EMPHASIS
ON THE INCLUSION OF A FAIR PROPORTION OF WOMEN AND
MINORITIES ON DELEGATIONS AND THE DIRECTIVE "THAT THE SIZE
OF DELEGATIONS WILL BE REDUCED BY 15 - 25 PER CENT."

QUOTE I WANT TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN ABOUT TWO ASPECTS OF

OUR DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES--SIZE AND COMPOSITION--AND ASK YOUR HELP IN FINDING A SOLUTION.

THE UNITED STATES WILL PARTICIPATE IN ABOUT 1,000 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES THIS YEAR. IT IS EXPENSIVE TO FIELD DELEGATIONS TO THIS NUMBER OF CONFERENCES AND WE MUST MAKE AN EFFORT TO RESTRICT THE SIZE OF OUR DELEGATIONS.

SUCH RESTRICTIONS CAN, IN FACT, OFTEN BRING ABOUT A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF PERSONNEL IF THE DELEGATES ARE CHOSEN CAREFULLY FOR THE EXPERTISE THEY CAN PROVIDE.

OUR DELEGATIONS SHOULD ALSO BE, AS NEARLY AS POSSIBLE, REPRESENTATIVE OF OUR TOTAL POPULATION. I URGE YOU TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT FUTURE NOMINATIONS OF DELEGATES UNDER YOUR SUPERVISION INCLUDE AS FAIR A PROPORTION OF WOMEN AND MINORITIES AS POSSIBLE. THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN WOMEN DELEGATES, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS NOT KEPT PACE IN RECENT YEARS WITH THEIR GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. I BELIEVE ADDITIONAL STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO STIMULATE THE SEARCH BOTH FOR WOMEN AND FOR MEMBERS OF MINORITIES WHEN NOMINATIONS FOR DELEGATIONS ARE BEING MADE.

THIS REQUEST IN NO WAY AFFECTS OUR POLICY OF RESTRICTING DELEGATION SIZE. WHAT I ASK IS THAT YOU MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO SEE THAT QUALIFIED WOMEN AND MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS ARE SOUGHT OUT FOR MEMBERSHIP ON DELEGATIONS. IT IS NOT ALWAYS NECESSARY TO SEND PERSONS OF THE HIGHEST UNCLASSIFIED

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GRADE OR POSITION. MANY PERSONS OF LOWER POSITION HAVE EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE AND CAN FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. IF, IN THE EVENT A SEARCH OF YOUR PERSONNEL ROSTER FAILS TO UNCOVER QUALIFIED WOMEN AND MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS, A STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THE SEARCH HAS BEEN MADE AND THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL SHOULD BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR LETTER OF NOMINATION FOR DELEGATION SERVICE.

I AM ATTACHING AN AMENDED STATEMENT OF POLICIES GOVERNING UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS. I WILL APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT THIS POLICY. UNQUOTE

3. THE STATEMENT OF POLICIES AS AMENDED FROM THAT TRANSMITTED BY REFTEL FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

1. U.S. DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

SHOULD CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A STYLE COMPATIBLE WITH THE MODESTY WHICH HAS BEEN PART OF OUR TRADITION. LAVISH EXPENDITURES FOR LIVING QUARTERS, TRANSPORTATION, OR ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE AVOIDED.

2. SECRETARIES OF STATE IN THE LAST FIVE ADMINISTRATIONS EXPRESSED THEIR OPPOSITION TO LARGE UNITED STATES DELEGATIONS. THE SIZE OF DELEGATIONS WILL BE REDUCED BY 15 - 25 PER CENT.

3. REGARDLESS OF THE TYPE OF MEETING, EACH DELEGATE MUST BE INDISPENSABLE TO THE SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF U.S. GOALS FOR THE MEETING. MOST DELEGATES WILL HAVE TO COVER SEVERAL CONFERENCE SUBJECTS.

4. EACH DELEGATION REPRESENTS THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. NO ACCREDITED DELEGATE "REPRESENTS" AN UNCLASSIFIED

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ORGANIZATION--DELEGATES REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES.

5. ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK ON INSTRUCTIONS TO CONFERENCE DELEGATIONS BEFORE THEY LEAVE WASHINGTON. THE PARTICIPATION OF U.S. PRIVATE ENTITIES WILL ORDINARILY OCCUR PRIOR TO THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE. PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATION OF INSTRUCTIONS IS NOT CAUSE FOR DELEGATION MEMBERSHIP.

6. WILLINGNESS TO PAY THE WAY OF PERSONNEL FROM FUNDS OTHER THAN THE REGULAR CONFERENCE APPROPRIATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR INCLUDING ANY INDIVIDUAL ON A DELEGATION.

7. U.S. DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES SHOULD REFLECT THE COMPOSITION OF AMERICAN SOCIETY. TO THIS END DELEGATION NOMINATIONS WILL INCLUDE WOMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MINORITY GROUPS. IF AN UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THESE GROUPS HAS BEEN MADE, A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT SHOULD ACCOMPANY THE NOMINATION.

8. AMERICAN OFFICIALS AT OR NEAR CONFERENCE SITES WILL BE ACCREDITED WHEN THEIR INCLUSION CAN REDUCE THE NEED TO SEND DELEGATES FROM WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE ACCREDITED BECAUSE THEY HAPPEN TO BE AT THE SITE.

9. PROSPECTIVE TRAINING BENEFITS ALONE WILL NOT

JUSTIFY INCLUSION ON A DELEGATION.

10. NO OFFICIAL OF THIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD ATTEND A
MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AT WHICH ACCREDITA-
TION IS REQUIRED WITHOUT THE PRIOR KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL
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OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ANY QUESTION WHETHER A PARTICULAR
MEETING REQUIRES ACCREDITATION CAN BE ANSWERED BY THAT
OFFICE.

11. NO ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE INVITED TO MEET IN
THE UNITED STATES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

12. THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR
ACCREDITING DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND
MEETINGS DERIVES FROM STATUTE AND DELEGATION BY THE
PRESIDENT.

13. AUTHORITY FOR ACCREDITATION IS NOT SHARED BY THE
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZA-
TION AFFAIRS WITH ANY OTHER OFFICE OF THE GOVERNMENT,
EXCEPT THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF THE
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